

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 26 and 36 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please amend Claims 20 and 30 as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a receiving unit ~~connectable to a satellite dish and~~ configured to receive a TCP/IP packet from a TCP/IP network via a satellite that transmits the TCP/IP packet to ~~the~~ a satellite dish,

wherein a request transmitted from said apparatus to the TCP/IP network comprises an IP address associated with said receiving unit so that a response from the TCP/IP network addressed to the IP address associated with said receiving unit will be sent to said apparatus via the satellite and the satellite dish to be received by said receiving unit, and

wherein the request transmitted from said apparatus to the TCP/IP network is generated using a browser.

21. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said receiving unit determines whether or not a received TCP/IP packet has a destination IP address matching the IP address associated with said receiving unit.

22. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the request transmitted from said apparatus to the TCP/IP network is not transmitted via satellite.

23. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the request transmitted from said apparatus to the TCP/IP network is transmitted via a dialup connection.

24. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the IP address associated with said receiving unit is assigned by an internet service provider.

25. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the IP address associated with said receiving unit is different from a source IP address of the request transmitted from said apparatus to the TCP/IP network.

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26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the request transmitted from said apparatus to the TCP/IP network is generated using FTP.

28. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the TCP/IP network is the internet, and said apparatus is connectable to a personal computer.

29. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein said apparatus is embodied as an adapter card.

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30. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving by an apparatus ~~connectable to a satellite dish~~ of a TCP/IP packet from a TCP/IP network via a satellite that transmits the TCP/IP packet to ~~the~~ a satellite dish,
wherein a request transmitted from the apparatus to the TCP/IP network comprises an IP address associated with the apparatus so that a response from the TCP/IP network addressed to the IP address associated with the apparatus will be sent to the apparatus via the satellite and the satellite dish to be received in said receiving step, and
wherein the request transmitted from the apparatus to the TCP/IP network is generated using a browser.

31. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 30, wherein said receiving step determines whether or not a received TCP/IP packet has a destination IP address matching the IP address associated with the apparatus.

32. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the request transmitted from the apparatus to the TCP/IP network is not transmitted via satellite.

33. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the request transmitted from the apparatus to the TCP/IP network is transmitted via a dialup connection.

34. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the IP address associated with the apparatus is assigned by an internet service provider.

35. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the IP address associated with the apparatus is different from a source IP address of the request transmitted from the apparatus to the TCP/IP network.

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36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the request transmitted from the apparatus to the TCP/IP network is generated using FTP.

38. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the TCP/IP network is the internet, and the apparatus is connectable to a personal computer.

39. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 38, wherein the apparatus is embodied as an adapter card.

40. (Previously Added) A driver for use in a personal computer for effecting the method according to any of Claims 30 through 37.